

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 68-69 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 36-67 have been withdrawn. New claims 70-155 have been added. Thus, claims 70-155 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for his indication that claims 4-6 and 19-21 were allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 70 and, therefore, is allowable. Claims 71-82 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 70 and are, therefore, allowable.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 83 and, therefore, is allowable. Claims 84-95 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 83 and are, therefore, allowable.

Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 96 and, therefore, is allowable. An error in the spelling of dicarboxylic acid in claim 6, as filed, has also been corrected. In the original claim 6, dicarboxylic acid was incorrectly spelled "dicarboxylic acid." Claims 97-109 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 96 and are, therefore, allowable.

Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 110 and, therefore, is allowable. Claims 111-122 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 96 and are, therefore, allowable.

Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 123 and, therefore, is

allowable. Claims 124-135 depend, directly or indirectly from claim 123 and are, therefore, allowable.

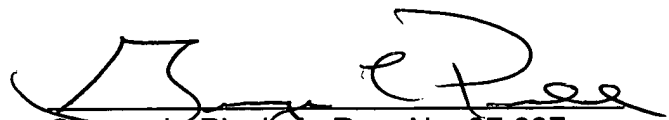
Claim 21 have been rewritten in independent form as claim 136 and is, therefore, allowable. An error in the spelling of dicarboxylic acid in claim 21, as filed, has also been corrected. In the original claim 21, dicarboxylic acid was incorrectly spelled "dicarboxylic acid." Claims 137-149, depend, directly or indirectly from claim 136 and are, therefore, allowable.

New claims 150-156 are patentable over the cited art. New independent claim 150 includes the features of claim 110. New claim 151 is dependent on claim 150. New independent claim 152 includes the features of claim 123. New claim 153 is dependent on claim 152. New claim 154 includes the features of claim 146. New claim 155 is dependent on claim 154. Allowance of these new claims is respectfully requested.

All pending claims are in condition for allowance and prompt notification to that effect is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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